

Housing Newsletter



Wiesbaden: Your Home in Germany!



Housing Chief's Corner

The holiday season is quickly approaching with Thanksgiving only a month away. The housing office would like to take the opportunity before the holidays to remind residents about the one of the biggest safety issues during the holiday season - unattended cooking.

During the holidays families and friends gather in the home and kitchen to spend time together, but your kitchen can be one of the most hazardous rooms in the house if you do not follow safe cooking practices. Cooking equipment, most often the range or stovetop, is the leading cause of reported home fires in Army family housing. Whether you are cooking the family a holiday dinner or a snack for the children, practicing safe cooking behaviors will help keep you and your family safe.

Residents should plug microwave ovens and other cooking appliances directly into a wall outlet. Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance. This can overload the circuit and cause a fire. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove. If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.



Stay alert! To prevent cooking fires, you have to be alert. You won't be if you are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol, or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy. Take the time to ensure cooking surfaces and surrounding countertops are free of debris or items that could catch fire easily.

By practicing good cooking habits and keeping safety in mind during the holiday season you can help to prevent kitchen fires. The housing office wishes you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.

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Snow and Ice Removal in USAG Wiesbaden

You only need to go outside for a few minutes to understand that winter is close at hand, dropping temperatures, high winds and increased precipitation are only a few of the signs. Along with the cold of winter comes the possibility of snow and ice. USAG Wiesbaden and the DPW are prepared to support. When the snow falls, the amounts can vary from a light dusting to several inches at a time making it difficult for pedestrians to walk safely on the sidewalks and rights-of-way. In order to keep them safe, snow and ice must be removed in a reasonable amount of time. In order to keep residents informed of what Directorate of Public Works (DPW) does, as well as their individual responsibilities, we will outline the actions to be taken in the event of snow or ice accumulation.



The DPW provides snow and ice removal after major storms. Priority goes to clearing the Wiesbaden Airfield on Clay Kaserne, taxiways, roads on property that the garrison controls and common area sidewalks. The city of Wiesbaden clears roads in open housing areas, this includes Aukamm, Hainerberg and Crestview. The city's priority is to city bus routes, then major roads that connect to city bus routes, then residential areas. Residents living in Aukamm, Hainerberg or Crestview housing areas are required to clear their sidewalks from door to parking space. All Building Coordinators of USAG Wiesbaden housing areas are responsible to hold walkways leading to their dwelling units or adjacent units free of snow and ice between the hours of 07:00 and 22:00 hours. The clearing of parking spaces along the street are optional.



Residents residing in Newman Village and Clay Kaserne, are required to keep the sidewalk in front of their quarters clear of snow and ice between the hours of 07:00 and 22:00 hours.

Streugut or grit boxes are distributed in the community for resident use on U.S. controlled areas including Aukamm, Hainerberg, Crestview, Newman Village and Clay Kaserne Housing Areas.

Residents living in private rental housing are generally required, to hold the walkways adjacent to their residence, free of snow and ice between the hours of 07:00 and 22:00 hours. When you shovel your sidewalk or driveway do not throw snow in the road where it can increase the hazard to motorists. Instead pile the snow up along side of the road or in your yard. Check with your landlord or neighbor to know for certain your responsibilities. The Housing Office would like to remind residents when shoveling snow to dress appropriately, drink plenty of water, stretch a little before you start working and to be careful when walking on snow or ice. An ounce of prevention can go along way.





Unaccompanied Personnel Housing (UPH)

In the final article section of our four part article on FSBP 2020 we will look at the roles and responsibilities of the individual Soldier. The Soldier's roles and responsibilities are discussed in-depth in the FSBP 2020 Handbook on pages 9 and 10. The handbook is available for viewing or download at the following URL:

<http://www.wiesbaden.army.mil/sites/newcomers/housing/HousingWebsite.htm>

Soldiers are responsible with assisting and supporting their military unit in executing the custodial tasks associated with the unit's footprint. Soldiers are wholly responsible for the housekeeping and maintenance of their quarters. Housekeeping includes the general cleaning and up-keep of the barracks room, protecting the Army's facilities investment by ensuring maintenance tasks are identified and reported, and reporting incidents of vandalism and neglect of facilities or furnishings and equipment promptly to the unit FSBP 2020 representative or their support chain of command. Soldiers will take an active role in promoting energy conservation within their assigned quarters by turning off all lights and electronics in their room when it is not occupied. The resident Soldier's primary responsibilities in Unaccompanied Personnel Housing includes:

- ☐ Following established rules of conduct and joint occupancy of living in quarters
- ☐ Regularly cleaning of the latrine (including shower/tub, commode, sink, floors, windows)
- ☐ Regularly cleaning of the kitchenette and all appliances (inside and out)
- ☐ Keeping the kitchenette free of debris and/or trash
- ☐ Regularly cleaning of the floors
- ☐ Regularly dusting and wiping down of furniture, including replacing when unserviceable
- ☐ Organizing and storing personal items
- ☐ Reporting any required work orders/service orders to the building manager or DPW

A Soldier's living environment is an important factor in helping to preserve and enhance the All-Volunteer Force. As the home for the Army's single Soldiers, quality UPH facilities and services are essential to providing a high quality of life for single or unaccompanied Soldiers.

Frequently Asked Questions



1. Must my pet be on a leash when outside my quarters?

Pets will be on a leash when outside of government quarters. All pets, when outside of quarters, will be accompanied by the owner or his or her responsible representative capable of controlling the pet.

2. What age must my dependent child be to walk my dog?

Young children under the age of twelve without adult supervision may be considered incapable of controlling the pet.

3. Can my pet be housed on my balcony?

Pets will not be housed or locked in or on balconies, in basement or attic storage rooms, common areas or building playrooms. Pets will not be tied to stair railings, pipes, shrubbery or trees in or around family quarters.

4. How many pets can I have in Government quarters and what types are allowed?

No more than two dogs or cats or a combination thereof are authorized per dwelling unit. Other domestic pets, including goldfish, hamsters and birds, may be kept in Army Family housing. Barnyard animals or exotic pets, such as snakes, lizards and tarantulas are prohibited. Permission to house more than two pets, or pets other than those specified, must be requested in writing through the housing office as an exception to policy (ETP) for approval of the garrison commander.

5. Do residents living in on-post housing have to register their pets with the veterinary clinic?

Owners must register their dog or cat with the post veterinary clinic within two weeks after acquiring the pet or the arrival of the pet at the sponsor's duty station. The owner must present evidence of the pet's current vaccinations at the time of registration, maintain a record, and update required vaccinations, as necessary. Pet owners must ensure that their pet's rabies tags are worn all the times.

6. What types of dogs are not allowed in Germany?

In accordance with host nation laws, the following Class I canines are prohibited from entering Germany, and are prohibited from residing in government controlled quarters. Any mix breeds containing bloodlines of Class I canines are also classified as Class I canines.

- (1) Pit Bull Terrier.
- (2) Bull Terrier.
- (3) American Staffordshire Terrier.
- (4) Staffordshire Bull Terrier



Halloween Fun

Trick-or-treat activities will be conducted from 5-7 p.m. on Halloween, 31 October 2013, in the Wiesbaden military community housing areas. Trick-or-treating is limited to the exterior of buildings and participants should not be allowed to enter stairwells in multi-family housing units.

Army Community Services will hold Halloween trick-or-treating for children ages 6 and younger from 2:30-4 p.m. A haunted house will be featured in Building 1214 on Clay Kaserne October 30th and 31st from 6-9 p.m. with free admission.



Energy Conservation

Energy conservation is everyone's responsibility, with just a few small changes residents can have a large impact on conserving energy throughout the community.



In today's modern household almost all appliances and electrical devices come with a standby mode. When these devices are not in use but still in standby mode, they still draw electricity, which known as a "phantom load". Residents can eliminate these phantom loads by unplugging appliances and electronics when not using them or by plugging them into a power strip which can be turned off when not in use. Below are some other easy to follow steps residents can take in their homes and at work to conserve energy.

1. Ensure that all exterior doors/windows remain closed and well sealed except to ventilate (for example, ten minutes per day) for mold/mildew control.
2. Regardless of personal comfort, space heaters are strictly prohibited in heated or cooled spaces. If you are not comfortable, layer clothing or consider wearing a hat or sweater.
3. Turn building and basement lights off when not in use, except those needed for security.
4. Periodically check weather stripping and caulking. If old, dried, or peeling, submit a service order for repairs.
5. Replace standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs or LED (depending on your fixture) which are available at the Self Help Store.

By changing the little things we do every day, such as using less lighting, turning back thermostats, closing doors, or turning off electronic devices when not needed, we can all help to conserve energy.

USAG Wiesbaden Fall Cleanup

USAG Wiesbaden will conduct Fall Cleanup this year from 21 –25 October 2013, with the housing area cleanup taking place on 24 October 2013. All members of the Wiesbaden community are required to participate in this community wide cleanup effort to eliminate unsightly refuse, litter, leaves, and branches in common use areas, housing areas, and other locations within the garrison.

Building Coordinators will establish the start time and duties for occupants living in Government controlled quarters. Building Coordinators can sign for additional tools needed for cleanup at the Self Help Improvement store located at Building 7785 in the Hainerberg Housing Area. Brown bags needed for leaves and green waste can also be obtained from the Self Help Store.

Residents needing to dispose of hazardous waste, metal, tires, old furniture, wood and large items can do so by bringing them to the Recycle Center on Clay Kaserne. The Recycle Center is located next to Building 1219 on Clay Kaserne. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday 1200 to 1530 hours.

Delay in Aukamm and Hainerberg Trash Island Project

The housing office in conjunction with the transformation Stationing and Management Office (TSMO) have been working hard to get the trash island project into its final stage.

Unfortunately, the Government shutdown and budget crisis had an impact on timely funding for the project and the original start date in October could not be held.

The housing office and TSMO will continue to work hard to correct this issue and will notify our customers and residents as quickly as possible when the new start date for construction will be.



Contact the Housing Office

Hours of Operation On-Post:

Monday to Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday, U.S. holidays: Closed
German Holidays: Limited Service
Tel. DSN/CIV: 337-7058 / (0611) 705-7058

Hours of Operation Off-Post:

Monday to Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday: By appointment only
Sunday, German Holidays: Closed
Tel. DSN: 337-7059 or 337-5495;
Civ: (0611) 705-7059 or (0611) 1746-393

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Happy Halloween from the Wiesbaden Housing Office

